

REMARKS

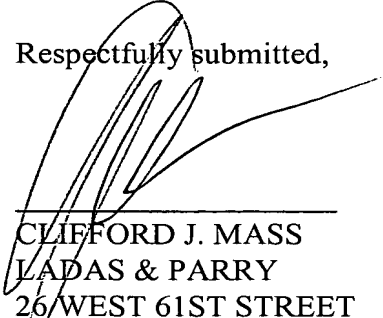
The Official Action of November 10, 2003 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The allowability of claims 20, 21 and 30, if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, has been noted with appreciation. Claims 16 and 23 have now been amended to include all of the pertinent limitations and are respectfully believed to be in allowable form in accordance with the Examiner's comments. In addition, new claims have been added more completely to define the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. These new claims comprise features which, as acknowledged by the Examiner, are not present in the prior art. All claims presently on file draw clear support from the specification as filed as shown in the following chart:

Claim No.	Support or corresponding to original claim
16	=Claim 20, supported by claim 3
17	Claim 2
18	Claim 2
19	Claim 2
20	Deleted
21	Claim 3
22	Claim 4
23	=Claim 30; supported by claim 11
24	Claim 6
25	Claim 8
26	Claim 8
27	Claim 9
28	Claim 9
29	Deleted
30	Deleted
31	Claim 12
32	Claim 12
33	Claim 12
34	Claim 13
35	Claim 14
36	Claim 15
37	Claim 15
38	Deleted
39	description, page 5, lines 10-12, the examples, and original claim 3, claim 6
40	Claim 3
41	Claim 12
42	Claim 6, Claim 10
43	Claim 11
44	Claim 4
45	description, page 5, lines 10-12, Claims 3,6, 8, 11,12
46	Claim 3
47	Claim 4
48	description, page 5, lines 10-12, Claims 5, 6, 10
49	Claim 11
50	Claim 8
51	Claims 3, 5, 6
52	Claim 11

In view of the above, and since the subject matter of the claims now on file has not been rejected in view of the prior art, the application is respectfully believed to be in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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